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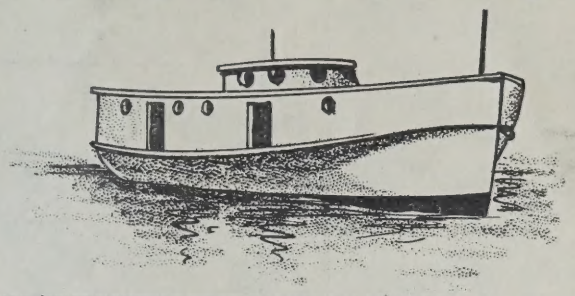

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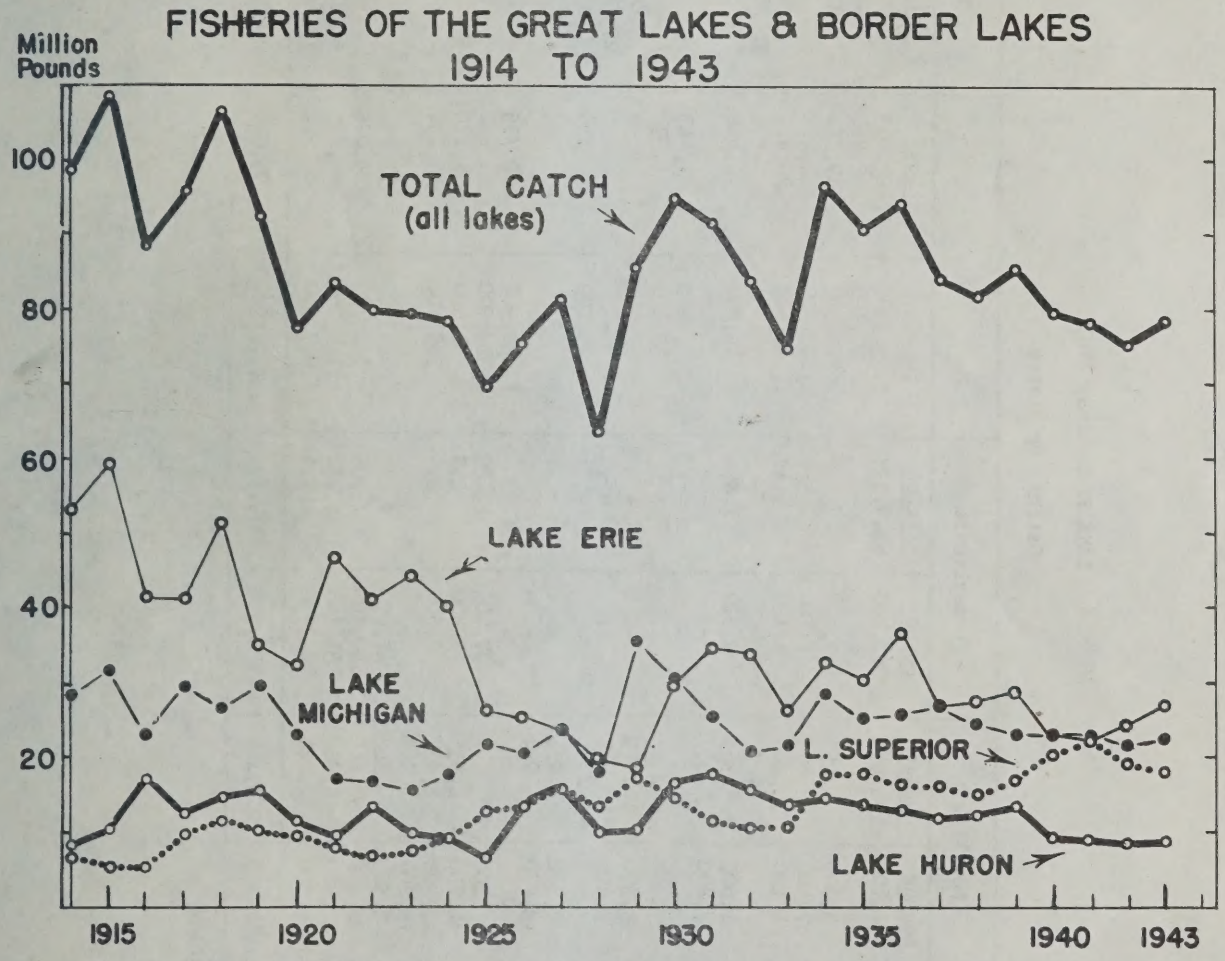

The commercial fisheries of the United States waters of the Great Lakes and Border Lakes of Northern Minnesota produced 78,221,300 pounds of fishery products in 1943 valued to the fishermen at $12,267,602. Compared with 1942, this was an increase of 4 percent in quantity landed and 42 percent in their value.

Lake Erie leads all lakes in production with 27,114,600 pounds, followed by Lake Michigan with 22,174,500 pounds; Lake Superior, 18,371,600 pounds, Lake Huron, 8,609,700 pounds, Border Lakes, 1,555,600 pounds; and Lake Ontario, 395,300 pounds. Michigan was the leading State, followed by Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, and Indiana respectively.

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Catch: By States

Species	New York		Pennsylvania		Ohio		Indiana		Illinois	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Blue pike	854,100	$95,438	2,363,700	$243,697	8,054,900	$1,427,033	-	-	-	-
Buffalofish	-	-	-	-	20,100	2,864	900	$128	-	-
Burbot	6,600	1,058	3,400	33	375,300	19,554	800	24	9,000	$190
Carp	67,500	5,605	5,700	379	1,625,100	141,222	15,900	1,381	-	-
Catfish and bullheads	44,100	10,400	1,100	118	1,034,600	180,877	-	-	-	-
Chubs	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,200	5,058	528,400	129,998
Cisco	1,600	305	9,500	1,804	14,800	4,688	-	-	-	-
Eels	22,200	1,667	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gizzard shad	-	-	-	-	900	43	-	-	-	-
Goldfish	-	-	-	-	33,200	1,577	-	-	-	-
Lake herring	58,300	14,029	-	-	-	-	9,000	1,224	38,500	3,234
Lake trout	3,400	918	-	-	-	-	27,500	8,855	1,193,200	441,502
Mooneye	-	-	-	-	11,700	556	-	-	-	-
Pike or pickerel (jacks)	8,700	1,031	-	-	(1)	3	-	-	-	-
Rock bass	18,800	992	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sauger	-	-	-	-	1,032,900	178,753	-	-	-	-
Sheepshead	100	7	37,700	1,129	4,319,900	321,400	-	-	-	-
Sturgeon	2,700	1,355	500	199	1,600	1,120	-	-	-	-
Sucker "mullet"	47,900	2,927	9,600	279	509,400	45,134	600	50	-	-
Sunfish	15,200	935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White bass	2,500	242	47,000	5,081	389,300	71,754	-	-	-	-
Whitefish, common	186,000	57,248	440,300	137,608	342,700	125,025	900	324	-	-
Yellow perch	52,900	6,889	31,100	4,771	1,177,800	285,135	38,700	5,805	140,300	26,381
Yellow pike	9,600	2,122	24,900	4,276	2,927,700	668,962	1,300	273	-	-
Total	1,402,200	203,168	2,974,500	399,374	21,871,900	3,475,700	119,800	23,122	1,909,400	601,305

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Species	Wisconsin		Michigan		Minnesota		Total	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Blue pike	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,272,700	$1,766,168
Bowfin	400	$4	16,500	$495	-	-	16,900	499
Buffalofish	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,000	2,992
Burbot	42,500	1,278	9,300	465	82,800	$2,296	529,700	24,898
Carp	1,458,800	87,528	1,877,700	75,108	1,900	94	5,052,600	311,317
Catfish and bullheads	198,900	31,544	557,900	103,676	40,100	6,788	1,876,700	333,403
Chubs	1,462,400	331,749	552,800	143,736	208,600	32,671	2,776,400	643,212
Cisco	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,900	6,797
Eels	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,200	1,667
Gizzard shad	-	-	(1)	1	-	-	900	44
Goldfish	-	-	100	3	-	-	33,300	1,580
Lake herring	5,459,700	412,129	7,249,200	398,707	5,079,100	339,399	17,893,800	1,168,722
Lake trout	3,443,000	1,136,190	5,362,100	1,769,493	346,900	87,413	10,376,100	3,444,371
Mooneye	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,700	556
Pike or pickerel (jacks)	33,300	5,658	-	-	130,500	10,579	172,500	17,271
Rock bass	-	-	23,500	1,413	-	-	42,300	2,405
Sauger	-	-	19,900	1,990	56,800	6,407	1,109,600	187,150
Sheepshead	123,600	8,654	166,600	4,998	-	-	4,647,900	336,188
Smelt	502,000	70,279	1,723,500	172,350	-	-	2,225,500	242,629
Steelhead trout	200	69	-	-	-	-	200	69
Sturgeon	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800	2,674
Sucker "mullet"	1,106,800	110,681	2,746,900	154,818	211,500	8,591	4,632,700	322,480
Sunfish	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,200	935
Tullibee	-	-	-	-	599,300	63,653	599,300	63,653
White bass	(1)	3	21,200	2,544	-	-	460,000	79,624
Whitefish:								
Common	520,100	187,236	1,768,300	636,590	56,400	11,561	3,314,700	1,155,592
Menominee	31,700	4,759	283,300	45,329	2,700	371	317,700	50,459
Yellow perch	2,617,900	392,696	1,343,600	201,542	13,500	2,302	5,415,800	925,521
Yellow pike	25,400	7,609	1,978,100	415,401	384,600	75,898	5,351,600	1,174,541
Crawfish	1,600	185	-	-	-	-	1,600	185
Total	17,028,300	2,788,251	25,700,500	4,128,659	7,214,700	648,023	78,221,300	12,267,602

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Note:--Statistics in the above table do not include data on the catch of smelt by dip nets or the production of mussel shells in the streams tributary to the Great Lakes since complete data on the yields of these items were not collected. Statistics of operating units were not obtained for 1943.

Catch: By Lakes

Species	Lake Ontario		Lake Erie									
	New York		New York		Pennsylvania		Ohio		Michigan		Total	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Blue pike	45,100	$7,296	809,000	$88,142	2,363,700	$243,697	8,054,900	$1,427,033	-	-	11,227,600	$1,758,872
Bowfin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	$300	10,000	300
Buffalofish	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,100	2,864	-		20,100	2,864
Burbot	6,600	1,058	-	-	3,400	33	375,300	19,554	-		375,700	19,587
Carp	65,000	5,468	2,500	137	5,700	379	1,625,100	141,222	598,400	23,936	2,231,700	165,674
Catfish & bullheads	43,900	10,377	200	23	1,100	118	1,034,600	180,877	116,700	19,028	1,152,600	200,046
Cisco	-	-	1,600	305	9,500	1,804	14,800	4,688	-	-	25,900	6,797
Eels	22,200	1,666	(1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	1
Gizzard shad	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	43	-	-	900	43
Goldfish	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,200	1,577	100	3	33,300	1,580
Lake herring	58,300	14,029	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake trout	3,400	909	(1)	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	9
Mooneye	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,700	556	-	-	11,700	556
Pike or pickerel (jacks)	8,700	1,031	-	-	-	-	(1)	3	-	-	(1)	3
Rock bass	18,800	990	(1)	2	-	-	-	-	1,500	90	1,500	92
Sauger	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,032,900	178,753	12,700	1,269	1,045,600	180,022
Sheepshead	-	-	100	7	37,700	1,129	4,319,900	321,400	155,100	4,652	4,512,800	327,188
Sturgeon	1,800	805	900	550	500	199	1,600	1,120	-	-	3,000	1,869
Sucker "mullet"	45,200	2,807	2,700	120	9,600	279	509,400	45,134	53,900	3,072	575,600	48,605
Sunfish	15,200	935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White bass	-	-	2,500	242	47,000	5,081	389,300	71,754	20,800	2,496	459,600	79,573
Whitefish, common	26,000	8,246	160,000	49,002	440,300	137,608	342,700	125,025	6,000	2,160	949,000	313,795
Yellow perch	32,400	3,339	20,500	3,550	31,100	4,771	1,177,800	285,135	23,500	3,525	1,252,900	296,981
Yellow pike	2,700	614	6,900	1,508	24,900	4,276	2,927,700	668,962	262,600	55,146	3,222,100	729,892
Total	395,300	59,570	1,006,900	143,598	2,974,500	399,374	21,871,900	3,475,700	1,261,300	115,677	27,114,600	4,134,349

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Species	Lake Huron		Lake Michigan									
	Michigan		Michigan		Indiana		Illinois		Wisconsin		Total	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Bowfin	6,400	$192	100	$3	-	-	-	-	400	$4	500	$7
Buffalofish	-	-	-	-	900	$128	-	-	-	-	900	128
Burbot	1,200	60	7,100	355	800	24	9,000	$190	40,500	1,216	57,400	1,785
Carp	1,242,800	49,712	36,400	1,456	15,900	1,381	-	-	1,458,800	87,528	1,511,100	90,365
Catfish & bullheads	437,400	84,080	3,800	568	-	-	-	-	198,900	31,544	202,700	32,112
Chubs	128,000	33,283	389,100	101,171	24,200	5,058	528,400	129,998	1,272,300	288,034	2,214,000	524,261
Gizzard shad	(1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake herring	2,009,200	110,506	880,400	48,422	9,000	1,224	38,500	3,234	1,024,300	136,820	1,952,200	189,700
Lake trout	459,000	151,470	2.814,200	928,686	27,500	8,855	1,193,200	441,502	2,825,400	932,382	6,860,300	2,311,425
Pike or pickerel (jacks)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,300	5,478	32,300	5,478
Rock bass	20,300	1,220	1,700	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700	103
Sauger	6,700	670	500	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	50
Sheepshead	2,300	69	9,200	276	-	-	-	-	123,600	8,654	132,800	8,930
Smelt	100	10	1,723,400	172,340	-	-	-	-	502,000	70,279	2,225,400	242,619
Sucker "mullet"	1,413,600	79,692	1,198,500	67,718	600	50	-	-	1,001,100	100,111	2,200,200	167,879
White bass	400	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	3	(1)	3
Whitefish:												
Common	149,200	53,712	1,151,900	414,687	900	324	-	-	254,300	91,548	1,407,100	506,559
Menominee	98,900	15,824	164,500	26,321	-	-	-	-	24,000	3,598	188,500	29,919
Yellow perch	974,500	146,176	337,800	50,671	38,700	5,805	140,300	26,381	2,617,700	392,673	3,134,500	475,530
Yellow pike	1,659,700	348,537	49,500	10,395	1,300	273	-	-	-	-	50,800	10,668
Crawfish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600	185	1,600	185
Total	8,609,700	1,075,262	8,768,100	1,823,222	119,800	23,122	1,909,400	601,305	11,377,200	2,150,057	22,174,500	4,597,706

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Catch: By Lakes--Continued

Species	Lake Superior								Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake, and Namakan Lake		Total	
	Michigan		Wisconsin		Minnesota		Total		Minnesota		All lakes	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Blue pike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,272,700	$1,766,168
Bowfin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,900	499
Buffalofish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,000	2,992
Burbot	1,000	$50	2,000	$62	200	$8	3,200	$120	82,600	$2,288	529,700	24,898
Carp	100	4	-	-	-	-	100	4	1,900	94	5,052,600	311,317
Catfish and bullheads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,100	6,788	1,876,700	333,403
Chubs	35,700	9,282	190,100	43,715	208,600	32,671	434,400	85,668	-	-	2,776,400	643,212
Cisco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,900	6,797
Eels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,200	1,667
Gizzard shad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	44
Goldfish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,300	1,580
Lake herring	4,359,600	239,779	4,435,400	275,309	5,079,100	339,399	13,874,100	854,487	-	-	17,893,800	1,168,722
Lake trout	2,088,900	689,337	617,600	203,808	346,900	87,413	3,053,400	980,558	-	-	10,376,100	3,444,371
Mooneye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,700	556
Pike or pickerel (jacks)	-	-	1,000	180	-	-	1,000	180	130,500	10,579	172,500	17,271
Rock bass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,300	2,405
Sauger	(1)	1	-	-	-	-	(1)	1	56,800	6,407	1,109,600	187,150
Sheepshead	(1)	1	-	-	-	-	(1)	1	-	-	4,647,900	336,188
Smelt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,225,500	242,629
Steelhead trout	-	-	200	69	-	-	200	69	-	-	200	69
Sturgeon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800	2,674
Sucker "mullet"	80,900	4,336	105,700	10,570	15,900	579	202,500	15,485	195,600	8,012	4,632,700	322,480
Sunfish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,200	935
Tullibee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	599,300	63,653	599,300	63,653
White bass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	460,000	79,624
Whitefish:												
Common	461,200	166,031	265,800	95,688	4,700	1,389	731,700	263,108	51,700	10,172	3,314,700	1,155,592
Menominee	19,900	3,184	7,700	1,161	2,700	371	30,300	4,716	-	-	317,700	50,459
Yellow perch	7,800	1,170	200	23	-	-	8,000	1,193	13,500	2,302	5,415,800	925,521
Yellow pike	6,300	1,323	25,400	7,609	1,000	243	32,700	9,175	383,600	75,655	5,351,600	1,174,541
Crawfish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600	185
Total	7,061,400	1,114,498	5,651,100	638,194	5,659,100	462,073	18,371,600	2,214,765	1,555,600	185,950	78,221,300	12,267,602

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LAKE FISHERIES, 1913 to 1943

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Catch: By principal species

Year	Blue pike	Carp	Lake herring	Lake trout	Whitefish (common)	Yellow perch	Yellow pike	Other
Average, 1913-15	10,710	8,084	14,479	10,554	4,545	5,974	2,725	(1)
Average, 1916-20	3,616	5,308	19,429	10,559	4,900	4,995	3,002	40,359
Average, 1921-25	9,695	4,097	12,228	10,510	3,799	3,960	2,569	31,025
1926	9,362	4,649	16,522	11,559	5,148	5,407	2,828	19,825
1927	7,324	3,669	22,177	10,493	5,463	4,995	3,025	24,181
1928	4,842	1,242	14,937	9,418	6,431	5,784	2,926	17,788
1929	2,835	2,018	21,099	11,949	10,132	8,013	2,384	26,959
1930	11,823	3,293	22,481	9,497	10,172	6,578	4,002	27,102
1931	12,680	4,180	17,412	10,618	10,761	11,248	4,669	20,159
1932	9,948	4,284	11,686	10,662	9,731	11,472	4,442	21,519
1933	9,013	3,974	13,272	9,767	7,370	4,949	3,793	22,466
1934	8,509	3,846	23,941	10,112	6,276	16,099	4,081	23,547
1935	9,822	4,115	22,593	10,099	5,250	11,932	4,593	21,818
1936	19,937	4,972	20,758	9,406	4,131	5,957	5,232	23,884
1937	11,021	5,160	21,557	9,428	3,228	5,067	5,458	23,039
1938	8,718	4,860	20,523	9,360	3,303	8,017	4,999	21,745
1939	9,151	5,801	22,923	9,792	3,981	5,354	6,882	21,351
1940	5,073	5,988	22,480	9,858	4,619	6,216	6,067	18,995
1941	3,384	5,377	22,700	10,534	4,693	6,716	5,181	19,480
1942	6,261	5,000	18,678	10,175	4,184	5,223	5,589	20,137
1943	11,273	5,053	17,894	10,376	3,315	5,416	5,352	19,542

1/ Data not available.

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Catch: By Lakes

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Year	Lake Ontario 1/	Lake Erie	Lake Huron	Lake Michigan	Lake Superior	Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake, and Namakan Lake 2/	Total
1913	210	(3)	11,184	26,994	6,417	1,384	(3)
1914	277	53,571	8,248	28,195	7,088	1,246	98,625
1915	395	59,509	10,245	31,680	5,694	1,425	108,948
1916	317	41,223	17,145	23,023	5,437	1,287	88,432
1917	656	41,416	12,512	29,317	9,889	2,103	95,893
1918	524	51,479	14,966	26,675	11,546	1,489	106,679
1919	472	35,154	15,240	29,820	10,500	1,277	92,463
1920	314	32,192	11,250	23,053	9,267	1,299	77,375
1921	1,855	46,731	9,330	17,018	7,476	1,048	83,458
1922	889	40,912	13,481	16,605	6,569	978	79,434
1923	710	44,378	9,920	15,358	7,584	1,159	79,109
1924	1,049	40,264	9,074	17,694	8,944	1,256	78,281
1925	446	26,639	6,567	21,710	12,307	1,463	69,132
1926	788	25,057	13,132	20,495	13,436	2,392	75,300
1927	698	23,796	15,711	23,681	15,302	2,139	81,327
1928	854	19,643	9,943	17,999	13,132	1,797	63,368
1929	948	18,647	10,477	35,614	17,148	2,555	85,389
1930	682	29,540	16,377	30,974	14,694	2,681	94,948
1931	442	34,772	17,727	25,059	11,281	2,446	91,727
1932	521	33,670	15,848	20,692	10,173	2,840	83,744
1933	527	26,187	13,351	21,682	10,653	2,204	74,604
1934	717	32,809	14,512	28,444	17,533	2,396	96,411
1935	770	30,356	13,676	25,089	17,874	2,457	90,222
1936	601	36,777	12,790	25,783	16,009	2,317	94,277
1937	618	26,933	11,895	26,398	16,011	2,103	83,958
1938	690	27,619	12,039	24,379	14,856	1,942	81,525
1939	1,456	28,663	13,353	23,027	16,783	1,953	85,235
1940	1,359	22,944	9,098	22,814	20,672	2,409	79,296
1941	597	22,063	8,727	22,918	22,111	1,649	78,065
1942	325	24,131	8,465	21,404	19,228	1,694	75,247
1943	395	27,114	8,610	22,174	18,372	1,556	78,221

1/ Includes the catch in Lake Ontario proper and Chaumont Bay in the years 1913 to 1924 inclusive, Lake Ontario proper in 1925, ar Lake Ontario proper, Niagara River below the falls, St. Lawrence River and Chaumont, Black River, Port, Great Sodus and Little Soc Bays, since 1925.

2/ Does not include the catch in Namakan and Rainy Lakes prior to 1926.

3/ Data not available.

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